

# Minnesota Olmstead Planning Subcabinet – 10/22/13 Meeting Notes (DRAFT)

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## Meeting Details

**Date:** October 22, 2013

**Start/End Time:** 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

**Location:** State Capitol, Room 123

**Chair:** Lt. Governor Yvonne Prettner Solon

**Facilitator:** Judy Plante, Management Analysis & Development (MAD), Minnesota Management and Budget

**Subcabinet members (or alternates) in attendance:** Christine DuFour, Communications Director, Minnesota Department of Human Rights (MDHR); Dr. Edward Ehlinger, Commissioner, Department of Health (MDH); Lucinda Jesson, Commissioner, Department of Human Services (DHS); Jessie Montano, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Education (MDE); Roberta Opheim, Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities (*ex officio*); Tonja Orr, Assistant Commissioner for Policy and Community Development, Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA); Kim Peck, Director, Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED); Thomas Roy, Commissioner, Department of Corrections (DOC); Colleen Wieck, Executive Director, Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities (*ex officio*).

**Others in attendance (based on sign-in sheets):** Brian Begin, Lifeworks Services; Kristie Billiar, MnDOT; Sean Burke, Minnesota Disability Law Center; Mark Kinde, MDH; Steve Larson, The Arc MN; Edward Lecher, DEED; Barb Lundeen, MDH; Jane McClure, Access Press; Rebecca Melang, CSH; David Sherwood-Gabrielson, DEED; Anni Simons, Fredrickson & Byron; Galen Smith, ADAPT & SEIU HCMN; Colin Stamper, MSCOD; Dan Stewart, Minnesota Disability Law Center; Joan Willshire, MSCOD.

## Welcome, introductions, and approval of notes

The Lieutenant Governor welcomed the subcabinet and members of the audience to the meeting. Subcabinet members and alternates introduced themselves.

The Lieutenant Governor explained that Commissioner Jesson and Judy Plante met with Governor Dayton to discuss the goals and actions in the Olmstead Plan, and he approves moving the plan forward. The purpose of today's meeting is for the subcabinet to approve and adopt the plan so that it can be delivered to the federal court overseeing the *Jensen* agreement.

In a later part of the meeting, the Lieutenant Governor asked if there were any changes needed to the notes from the October 8 meeting. No changes were identified.

## Review updated October draft of Olmstead Plan

Judy Plante explained that the plan has been updated. It incorporates changes discussed at the last subcabinet meeting and includes additional sections (healthcare and healthy living, definitions, and an implementation plan timetable).

Discussion of the plan included:

### Healthcare & Healthy Living

- In Action One, there should be a reference to the need to integrate healthcare services with social services and public health. If these are integrated, we can do a better job as a state.

### Supports and Services

- Concern: are the targets and timelines for the state security hospital realistic, given circumstances outside our control (for example, judicial decisions)?
- If we are unable to meet these objectives, the subcabinet will discuss other steps. Some of the other objectives described in the plan are *also* not entirely in our control.
- The drafting teams carefully considered the actions described here.
- These are ambitious but appropriate targets.
- There are people who are ready to leave that facility.

### Dispute resolution process

- Concern: This new process may duplicate efforts or create confusion; agencies should be more involved in examining current practices.
- The language in the plan allows the subcabinet to discuss how this process should work—the subcabinet can ensure that it does not duplicate efforts.
- The current version of the dispute resolution process encourages an informal approach; it doesn't replace any current processes or rights. It establishes a point-of-contact for *Olmstead* issues.
- This issue can be explored more during subcabinet implementation meetings.

### Other

- Concern: what will be done with the comments that have been and will be submitted to the subcabinet? How will these comments be considered?
- The website and email account will still be monitored and comments will be reviewed; the subcabinet will continue to meet.
- Some concerns may be addressed in implementation, and the subcabinet will update and revise the plan as needed.
- We know the plan isn't perfect, and we need continued input from the public.
- Question about county demographic information: Can the data be provided for individual counties instead of PUMAs? Answer: the information in the plan is from the State Demographer; this is the best information available at this time.

- Question about using names in stakeholder comments: Is this problematic? Answer: these were comments at public meetings, where people voluntarily shared their names and feedback. We'll get confirmation that this is public information.

**Action/decision:** Olmstead Plan approved and adopted unanimously; final edits to be made before plan is released.

### Closing comments:

Lieutenant Governor Prettner Solon and subcabinet members made final comments about the plan and planning process. Comments included:

- This plan has come a long way from where we started—it represents good work from many people.
- Subcabinet members learned much from the people who spoke at listening sessions.
- People with disabilities are whole people, not just part of a program—this plan moves the state forward.
- Everyone involved in this effort has worked so hard and so well—we know people had to push to get this done.
- Our orientation has changed with this plan: the focus is on the individual and their perspective. Services won't be designed with cookie cutter approaches—we will be designing services around individual needs.
- The plan is a start, and we know there will be areas to expand and improve. We know we need to do more work in mental health, for example.

The Lieutenant Governor commended everyone for their hard work, and she thanked the public for keeping up with the planning process and providing input. She indicated that she is proud to have this become the plan for Minnesota and to deliver it to the federal judge.

### Next meeting

The next meetings of the subcabinet will be implementation meetings. Future public meetings will be posted online.

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